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In brief

Civilian award

Gen. William R. Looney III, Air Education and Training Command commander, has approved an 8-hour AETC Time-Off Award for all civilian employees in support of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. "Although the time off can be used anytime, I'd like to encourage our civilian team members to use this award day during one of the scheduled family days before the end of the year," said General Looney. For more, see the related article on Page 3.

Associate Spotlight

Beginning with this week's issue, the *Gulf Defender* will publish the Associate Spotlight biweekly. The Associate Spotlight is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize warriors from Tyndall's tenant units.

Heart Link

The next Heart Link session is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Nov. 4 at the Enlisted Club Classics Lounge. For more information, call the Family Support Center at 283-4204/4205.

What's inside



Community leaders build ties with Tyndall Airmen
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2nd Lt. William Powell

Operation Dust-off

Maj. Julio Reyes-Rivera, 325th Medical Operations Squadron specialty flight commander, stands guard Saturday at Silver Flag here as a U.S. Army UH-1 medical helicopter takes off. Half of the 325th Medical Group spent the weekend at the site learning how to secure perimeters, conduct convoy and recovery missions and defend themselves from enemy attacks to be better prepared for deployments to austere locations. For more on this training, look for the story in an upcoming *Gulf Defender*.

Airman sentenced to death

LANORRIS ASKEW

78th Air Base Wing Public Affairs

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. (AFPN) — The Airman who was found guilty Oct. 5 of two counts of premeditated murder and one count of attempted premeditated murder has been sentenced to death by a military panel here.

Senior Airman Andrew Paul Witt, 23, is now the only Airman who will sit on death row. He is currently in the Bibb County Jail in Macon, Ga., and will transfer to the U.S. Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kan., Oct. 18.

Airman Witt's death sentence is the first Air Force death sentence since the United States vs. Jose Simoy in 1990, which on appeal, the death penalty was set aside and Mr. Simoy is currently serving life in prison.

Airman Witt is guilty of two specifications of premeditated murder in the July 5, 2004, stabbing deaths of Senior Airman Andrew

Schliepsiek and his wife, Jamie.

He was also found guilty Oct. 5 of one specification of attempted premeditated murder in the stabbing attack of then-Senior Airman Jason King.

By the nature of the findings, premeditated murder carries a punishment of a mandatory life sentence, but a unanimous vote by the jury sentenced Airman Witt to death, said Col. Jeff Robb, Warner Robins Air Logistics Center staff judge advocate.

Maj. Vance Spath, chief circuit trial counsel with the U.S. Air Force Eastern Judicial Circuit at Bolling AFB, D.C., said this was the first death penalty case he has tried, and it has been an emotional time.

"My team has been away from home for a long time," he said. "We've been working down here for the last few months exclusively, and it's a relief to be finished, a relief to go home, and it feels good to have this

case finished for the Air Force."

Major Spath said he believes whatever the jury gave Airman Witt would have been a just sentence, but he believes justice has definitely been served.

Airman Witt will not be executed before the expiration of all appellate avenues, which could take years, Colonel Robb said.

"Once the trial is complete, the center commander (Maj. Gen. Michael A. Collings) will have a chance to take action on the case," he said. "After that action (which is to either approve or disapprove the sentence), the appeals process can begin."

That process begins with an automatic appeal to the Air Force Court of Criminal Appeals, a military court. Appeals from there would go to the Court of Appeals for Armed Forces, which is a civilian court. Any further appeals

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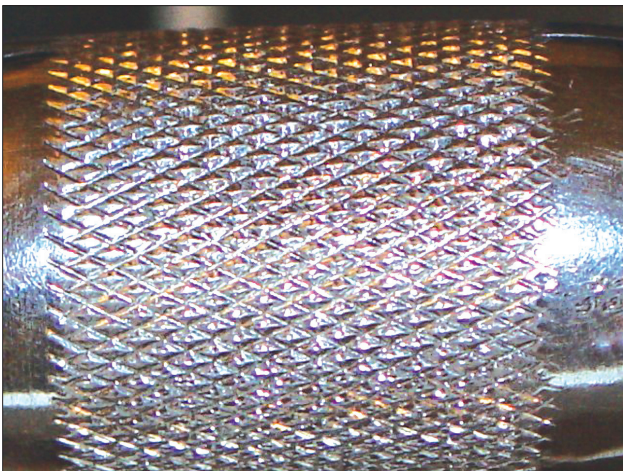


Master Sgt. Matthew Standish

Wish come true

Retired Master Sgt. Drew Kolbe, front right, holds his son, Christopher, as they prepare to enter a local electronics store for a shopping spree Oct. 8 made possible by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Members of the 325th Air Control Squadron showed up to cheer-on Christopher as he arrived at the store in a limousine. Sergeant Kolbe was formerly assigned to the 325th ACS.

Identify this...



Can you identify this object? If so, send an e-mail to editor@tyndall.af.mil with "Identify This" in the subject line. Three correct entries will be chosen at random and drawn from a hat to select the final winner. The prize can be claimed at the Public Affairs office.

There were no correct guesses for the Oct. 14 "Identify This." The photo may be re-run in the future to give everyone another chance. Better luck next time! And don't be afraid to guess. You just might get it right and win a prize!

ON THE STREET

What do you think is the most important quality of a good boss?



"I believe having a good understanding of your people is important."

CAPT. BRANDON BISHOP
325th Air Control Squadron



"The most important attribute is making sure to care and have concern for the welfare of your people."

SENIOR MASTER SGT.
ANNETTE HENDERSON
NCO Academy



"I think taking care of your people is most important."

MASTER SGT. MATTHEW JETER
1st Air Force



"I think patience is the number one quality to have."

STAFF SGT. ERICA YOST
325th Maintenance Squadron

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View from the top: Thank you for your efforts

GEN. WILLIAM R. LOONEY III
Air Education and Training Command commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AETCNS) – I can not tell you how proud I am of everyone in Air Education and Training Command for your outstanding support of national recovery efforts after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita devastated the Gulf Coast Region. Thank you.

Your hard work and generosity continue to make a significant difference. It is wonderful to know that when a crisis or disaster happens, the “First Command” is ready and willing to lean forward to help wherever needed.

Everyone stepped up to the challenge. More than 500 AETC members deployed to support the stateside humanitarian efforts, with thousands more volunteering their services at their base. Sixty-six people are still deployed to various locations and willing to stay as long as it takes.

Throughout the command men, women and children volunteered to help others in their time of need. Whether it was providing food, water and other supplies, or sending equipment

and people to assist with recovery efforts, you did an exceptional job.

My hat goes off to everyone at Keesler AFB, Miss., and detached units who endured the wrath of Hurricane Katrina. Many experienced significant property losses. With damage to Keesler property estimated at \$800 million, you have experienced losses most of us will never know.

Not only did you experience the wrath of the storm, but you went from being “victims” to being volunteers. Hundreds of Keesler residents, including trainees, worked countless hours getting the base back to normalcy and helping the surrounding communities recover. Keesler has so many wonderful stories —

from a baby delivered by Caesarean section, using flashlights for illumination, to a wedding held outside one of the shelters just days after Hurricane Katrina hit. There are countless

other stories of the human spirit overcoming tragedy.

Every AETC base participated in helping those in need, and some are still assisting recovery efforts.

Our air lift at Altus AFB, Okla., and Little Rock AFB, Ark., transported almost 1.7 million pounds of humanitarian aid, as well as equipment and people to support recovery efforts. Little Rock was also selected to be the hub for international aid and coordinated the logistics for nearly 4 million pounds of humanitarian aid from countries around the globe.

We set up the Federal Emergency Man-

agement Agency at Maxwell AFB, Ala., as the distribution point for supplies and equipment being sent to areas affected by the hurricanes.

Lackland AFB partnered with the city of San Antonio to shelter and care for more than 10,000 people displaced by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. These efforts included helping off-load passengers airlifted to the base, providing medical assistance, and transporting displaced persons to shelters and hospitals around the city.

Several other AETC bases housed those displaced by the hurricane. Many of our folks even opened their homes to those in need. Others left their homes and families to go where their skills were needed.

In appreciation for your hard work, I have designated Nov. 14 as a command down day.

We are truly blessed in AETC to have such highly motivated, talented and dedicated warriors who make it happen every day.

I could not be more proud of the people in this great command. Thank you and keep up the great work.



Courtesy photo
Gen. William R. Looney III is the Air Education and Training Command commander.

19th Air Force commander delivers farewell message

MAJ. GEN. EDWARD “BUSTER” ELLIS
19th Air Force commander

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas — As Dr. Seuss of “Cat in the Hat” fame once said of farewells, “Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened.”

That’s the mindset Sydney and I have adopted as we gather our thoughts for our final Air Force move later this month.

And, boy, do we have a lot to smile about! From my first days in pilot training more than 34 years ago at Craig AFB in my home state of Alabama to the culmination of my career here at Randolph, we met so many great Americans along the way and cherished every assignment.

It has been my professional honor and personal privilege to serve as your commander since June 2004. During my base visits, I saw the outstanding quality of the people who conduct our training mission and the high caliber of the graduates we send off to be warfighters. Our mission success is second to none and the great people who conduct and support our daily operations are to thank for that.

When I served as a commander overseas before coming to 19 AF, I saw first hand how our training programs impact our national defense efforts. You need to know that your work is appreciated and respected by the warfighting commanders.

I challenge you to continue your high level of excellence ... your duty is vital to the nation ... whether in operations, support or medical disciplines. Continue to make our team the most feared and respected air and space power on the planet.

Even though Sydney and I soon begin a new chapter in our lives, we will always be part of this great Air Force family. If you see us strolling the streets of Montgomery, Ala., or during one of our visits to Maxwell AFB, give us a “hello.” You will recognize us ... we’ll be the couple with the smiles on our faces!

Our best wishes to you personally and for continued 19th Air Force mission excellence.

Action Line
Call 283-2255

BRIG. GEN. JACK EGGINTON
325th Fighter Wing commander

The Action Line is your direct line to me. It is one way to make Tyndall a better place to work and live.

The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response. You must leave your name, phone number or address to receive a response.

Questions or comments of general interest will be published in this forum. This avenue should only be used after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, commanders, first sergeants or facility managers.

If you’re not satisfied with the response or

you are unable to resolve the problem, call me at 283-2255.

For fraud, waste and abuse calls, you should talk to the 325th Fighter Wing Inspector General’s Office, 283-4646.

Calls concerning energy abuse should be referred to the energy hot line, 283-3995.

Below are more phone numbers that help you in resolving any issues with a base agency.

Commissary	283-4825
Pass and I.D.	283-4191
Medical and Dental	283-7515
MEO	283-2739

MPF	283-2276
SFS Desk Sgt.	283-2254
Services	283-2501
Legal	283-4681
Housing	283-2036
CDC	283-4747
Wing Safety	283-4231
Area Defense Counsel	283-2911
Finance	283-4117
Civil Engineer	283-4949
Civilian Personnel	283-3203
Base Information	283-1113

Thank you for helping me improve Tyndall and I look forward to hearing from you.

Commander learns about duties, opportunities

LT. COL. ANTHONY S. LONIGRO
325th Medical Support Squadron commander

We live in a country where discussions often revolve around “rights,” particularly individual rights.

Although many of these individual rights are truly the cornerstones of our democratic foundation, there is not much abuzz made about societal or individual “duties.”

I was born and raised in Italy, but had always admired the United States and the principles for which it stands, so when I was 17 years old I decided to move here and live with my grandparents. I immediately enrolled into high school, immersed myself into learning the English language, and graduated 18 months later. At that point I had the opportunity to attend college, including a couple of Ivy League schools, with the help of a combination of academic and soccer scholarships.

However, much to the surprise of many, I decided to enlist in the U.S. Air Force. Why would I pass up such opportunities? Because I felt a much greater sense of

duty toward my adopted country. Sure I could have gone straight to college, but I felt a greater need to pay something back to my new country for all the opportunities that were now available to me.

Serving in the U.S. Armed Forces was a logical choice; after all, we are the ones who put our lives on the line to defend our way of life and uphold the democratic principles upon which our country is founded.

So, were the passed-up scholarships an opportunity lost? I don’t think so; in fact serving in uniform instilled an even greater sense of national pride in me, and you know, life has a funny way about it ... being in uniform actually opened up new opportunities. While I was enlisted I obtained my United States citizenship, then applied for

and was selected for the Air Force ROTC program, and two weeks into the program, was offered a full scholarship.

Since my commissioning, I have concentrated on doing the very best I can to fulfill my duties, believing that as long as I did the best I could, good things would come from it. And I’m not talking about strictly tangible results, but all the intangibles, whether it’s helping fellow servicemembers and improving their quality of life, or assisting a foreign nation in developing a democratic infrastructure. Now, after 19 years as an officer, I’m about to pin on colonel ... not bad for a kid from Sicily.

But my story is not unique, just one of many ... from a fellow officer on this base who grew up in poverty in Pakistan and is

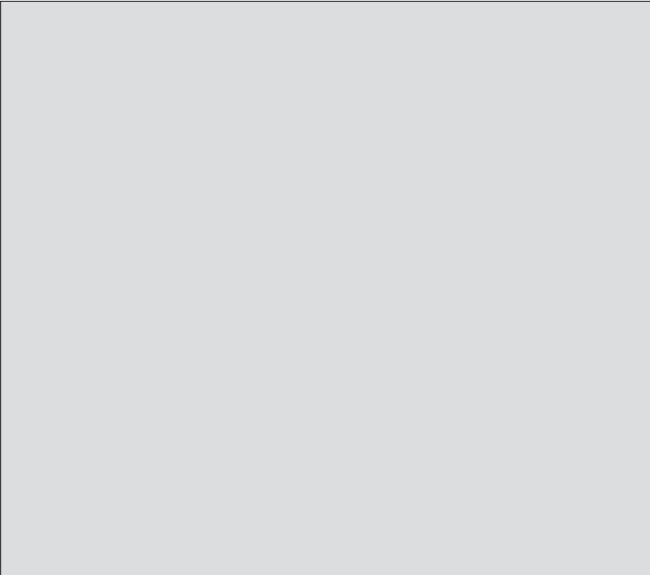
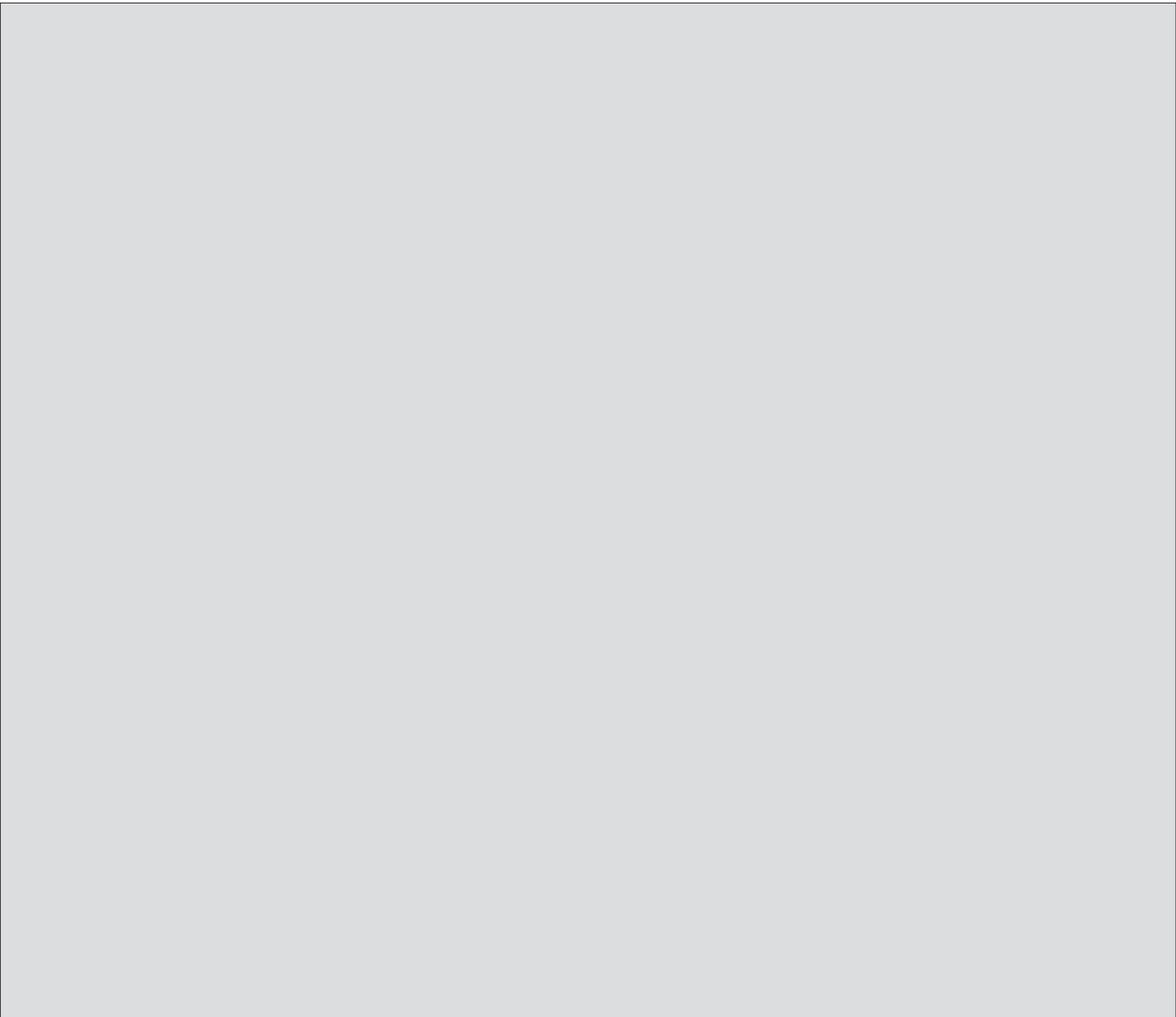
now a lieutenant colonel, to the young enlisted Marine who recently gave up his life fighting in Iraq, merely a few years after immigrating to the United States, to the young woman from a small rural town in mid-America. They all have something in common: These people put on a uniform out of sense of duty toward their country.

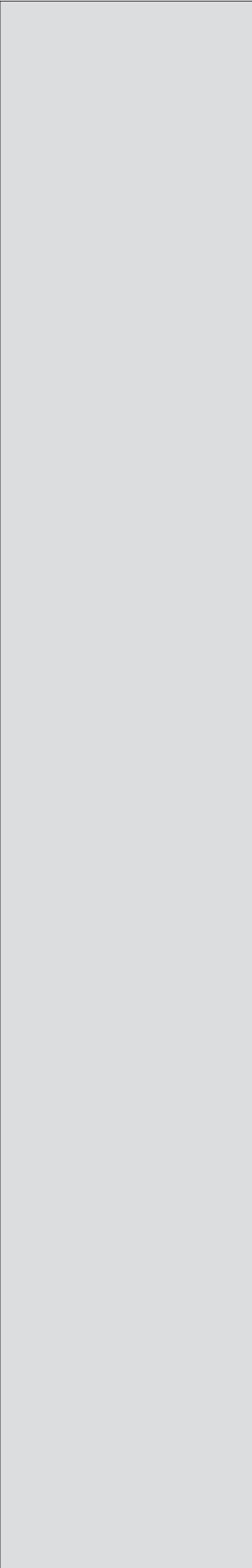
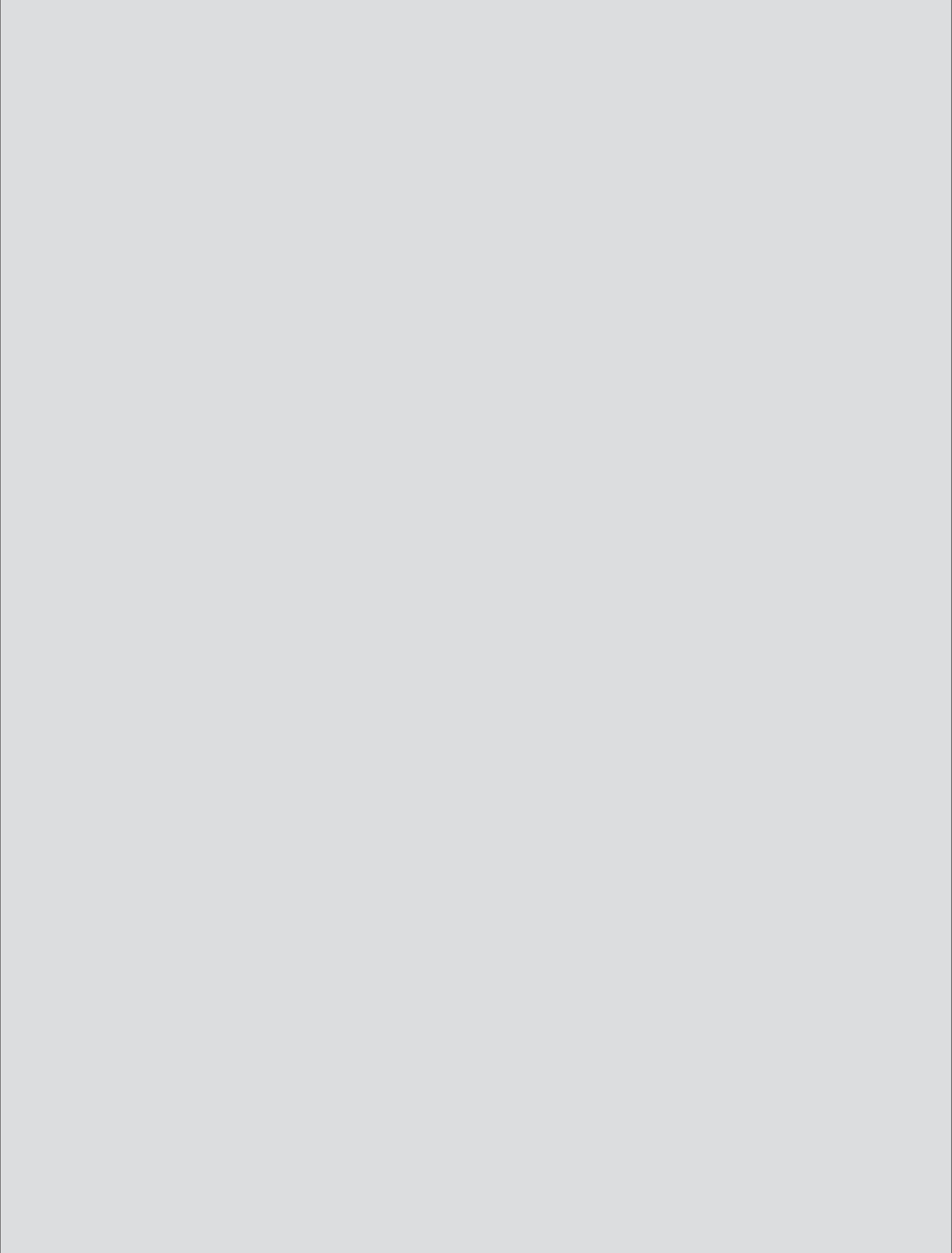
Unfortunately, those of us who chose to serve in uniform have become the minority and now, as a nation, we run the risk of having an increasing number of civic and political leaders not truly understanding what it means to serve, our motivation or the sacrifices that come along with choosing the profession of arms, because they have never served in uniform.

There are many ways we can fulfill our duties toward our society, from participating in the political election process to helping those in need, but there is no greater way to do our part than by taking an oath and serving honorably in the armed forces. And you know what? Focus on duty and opportunities will always abound.

“There are many ways we can fulfill our duties toward our society, from participating in the political election process to helping those in need ...”

LT. COL. ANTHONY S. LONIGRO
325th Medical Support Squadron commander





Tyndall Airmen invited to 1st FS’ ‘war’

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 1st Fighter Squadron invites all Tyndall Airmen out to watch part of its War Day exercise Oct. 28 at the flightline.

“Spectators will get to see pilots and crew chiefs quickly scramble to their jets after an alert horn blasts because the jets have to be airborne in less than five minutes,” said Maj. Tom Kafka, 1st FS assistant director of operations and War Day coordinator. “This demonstration will be as close to a real-war scenario as many people will ever get to experience, and they’ll see what it’s actually like to be a fighter pilot on alert in combat.”

The mock aerial engagement pits F-16 Fighting Falcons and QF-4 Phantom IIs against the 1st FS F-15 Eagles and 43rd FS F/A-22 Raptors. The “enemy” F-16s and QF-4s, which are simulating Russian and Chinese built fighters, will attempt to destroy a designated target near Tyndall, while the home station Eagles and Raptors try to defend it.

“The scrambled jets, led by Lt. Col. Bert Dreher, 1st FS commander, will be the last line of defense to ensure the enemy doesn’t reach the target and destroy what we are protecting,” he said. “If even one bomb drops on the target, we lose.”

Airmen planning to attend should meet at the NCO Acad-



Master Sgt. Mike Ammons

Two 1st Fighter Squadron pilots fire two AIM-7s over the Gulf Coast recently.

emy parking lot by noon Oct. 28 to be bused to the flightline grandstands. Spectators will be bused back to the academy parking lot at approximately 1:15 p.m. The squadron will notify Tyndall personnel through e-mail if any changes are made to the schedule.

“We have enough seating for 250 people at the flightline, and they’ll be sitting less than 1,000 feet from the runway,” Major Kafka said. “The excitement will beat sitting behind a computer, and it will only cost you about an hour out of your day.”

For more information, contact the 1st FS operations desk at 283-4327/4328.



AAFES clarifies ‘gasoline gross profit’ operations

MAJ. SUSAN A. ROMANO
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

In an article that appeared in the Oct. 7 issue of the *Gulf Defender* (“AAFES’ fuel prices ‘fair and competitive’,” p. 7), some erroneous statistics and facts were published, and the editorial staff of the *Gulf Defender* would like to correct those errors.

The article stated, “On average, 35 percent of the gasoline pump price is gross profit, and from that, AAFES must pay dividends, wages and other expenses.” In actuality, the 35 percent gross profit applies only to some *overseas* locations and is not a true statement for continental United States operations.

“AAFES raises and lowers prices based on frequent surveys of at least five off-base locations selling gasoline,” said Penny Madison, Tyndall’s Base Exchange general manager. “The results of the surveys are reviewed and prices set to match the lowest price by grade of the civilian retailers. This process allows us to establish fair and competitive prices on a timely basis.”

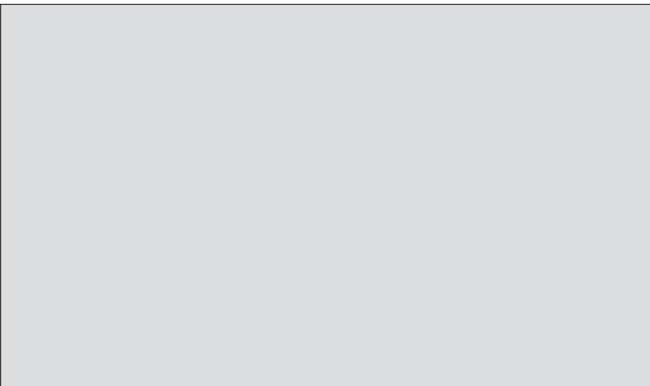
Unlike other products AAFES sells, gas is not exempt from federal or state taxes and fees. “The U.S. Congress mandated that AAFES must pay the same taxes as the stations in the local community, to include underground storage fees,” said Ms. Madison.

Fuel prices and availability have made it difficult for the daily commuter, and wing leadership has recognized that issue.

“During the past few months when gas supplies have been short, AAFES here has done a great job of keeping our pumps operational, and has consistently offered lower gas prices compared to stations in the local area,” said Col. Marc Luiken, 325th Mission Support Group commander. “AAFES has a reputation for providing quality products and services at reasonable prices, and even during this difficult time, they are living up to that reputation.”

In 2004, AAFES contributed more than \$243 million in dividends to Army and Air Force worldwide – that’s nearly \$277 back to every Airman and Soldier.

The *Gulf Defender* staff apologizes for any confusion caused by the original article.



KAIP undergoes changes

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFPN) — Recent policy changes to the Korea Assignment Incentive Pay program allow Airmen to apply for the program before or after their arrival in the Republic of Korea.

The program authorizes \$300 monthly payments to Airmen who sign a written agreement to serve the prescribed tour length in Korea plus an additional 12 months.

Previously, Airmen were required to accept or decline the program before their permanent change of station departure from their current base. Now, Airmen who decline the program before their PCS move may still accept a KAIP tour after their arrival in South Korea.

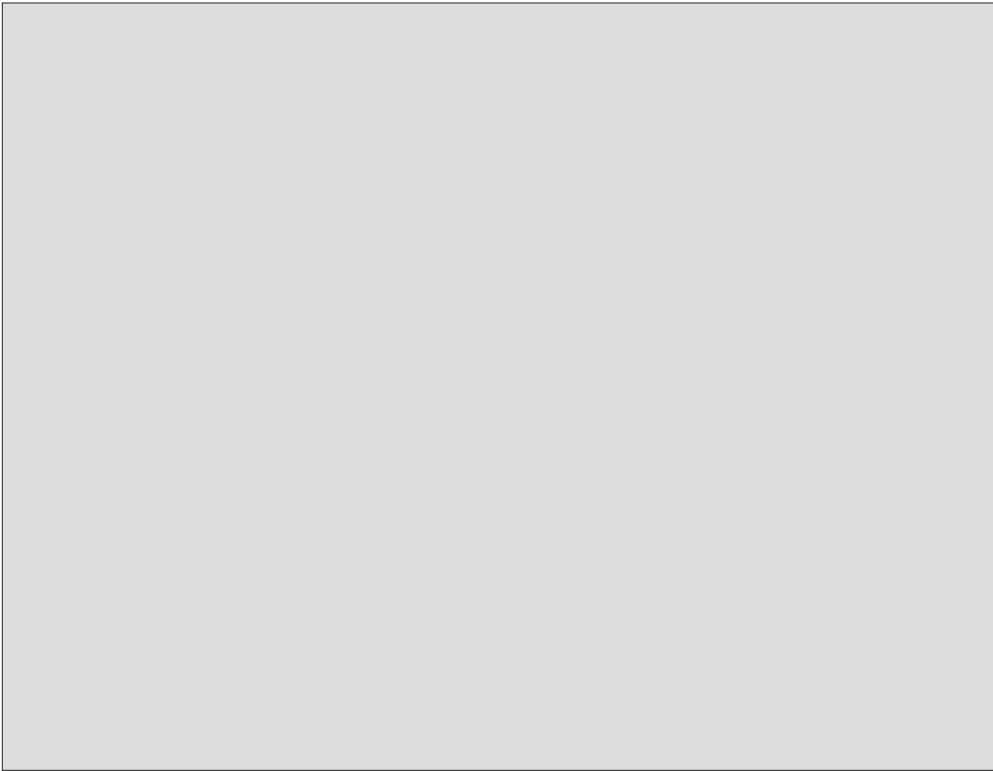
If applying after arrival, they may do so at any time before entering their Date Eligible for Return from Overseas forecast window that starts on the first day of the 10th month

before their DEROS from Korea.

Airmen who accept the program before their PCS to Korea are ineligible to apply for a follow-on or home-basing assignment. Likewise, Airmen who arrive in South Korea with either a follow-on or home-basing assignment will lose that assignment if they elect to participate in the KAIP program.

If eligible, they may still request one of the following extension programs: the Overseas Tour Extension Incentive Program; an In-place Consecutive Overseas Tour; a subsequent DEROS extension; or another KAIP tour for the same tour length.

For more information, Airmen can visit the Air Force Personnel Center’s assignment procedures Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/procedures. Program information is linked under Hot and/or New Topics.





It’s not too late to give!

Don’t forget today is the last day to turn in your Combined Federal Campaign donation form to your squadron CFC representative.

For more information, or to find out who your squadron representative is, call Senior Master Sgt. Denise Richardson, Tyndall’s CFC project officer, at 283-9687, or Master Sgt. Patrick Mallard, deputy project officer, at 283-4101.

Associate Spotlight

Senior Airman Amber Falcon



Airman Falcon receives the Associate Spotlight award from Lt. Col. Anthony Murphy, 53rd Weapons Evaluations Group deputy commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Airman Falcon, 53rd Test Support Squadron information and workgroup manager. After returning from a recent Air Expeditionary Force deployment to Iraq, she served as the sole Commander’s Support Staff for 30 days, and during that time processed more than 17 OPRs, EPRs, awards and decorations. She also trained the new commander’s secretary and helped her unit prepare for a possible Hurricane Katrina evacuation.

- Duty title: Information Manager
- Unit: 53rd TSS
- Time on station: Two years, six months
- Time in service: Three years
- Hometown: Eiraham, Wash.
- Hobbies: Shopping
- Favorite movie: Actually prefer TV shows like, “What Not to Wear”
- Pet Peeves: Stupidity
- Favorite thing about your unit: The people
- Proudest moment in the military: Getting this award

The Associate Spotlight is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize a Warrior from one of Tyndall’s tenant units. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate from the wing commander and other items presented by their unit.

Congratulations to ALS Class 2005-7!

Vesta Anderson, 325th ACS
 Joshua Babunovic, 28th TS/Det. 2
 Martha Barreradunning, 325th ACS
 Dennis Beck, 325th SVS
 Jonathan Boyd, 83rd FWS
 Guillermo Davila, 325th AMXS
 Joshua Frederick, 325th AMXS
 Cole Fricke, 325th MXS
 Ryan Grady, 325th MXS
 Jason Gray, 325th CES
 Reneekqua Grays, 325th ACS
 Joseph Harris, 325th MXS

Erik Knox, 325th MXS
 Shanika Lane, 325th SFS
 Crystal Lopez, 325th SVS
 Michael Miller, 325th SFS
 Joshua Nowlin, 325th AMXS
 Michael Ray, 325th MXS
 Benjamin Rose, 325th AMXS
 Joshua Roundtree, 325th MXS
 Ryan Spencer, 325th MXS
 Charles Walker, 325th AMXS
 Darin Williams, 82nd ATRS
 Kristen Wooten, 325th ACS

Award winners

John L. Levitow Award: Darin Williams

Academic Award: Jason Gray

Leadership Award: Joshua Babunovic

Distinguished Graduates: Martha Barreradunning

Cole Fricke

UNDER

CONSTRUCTION

Phase I of the construction at the Sabre Gate is currently underway. This includes the construction of the new outbound lane at Sabre Gate and inbound lane at School Road. The construction is expected to be completed in the next three to four weeks, and there should be no changes to the traffic pattern through the Sabre Gate during this period.

Phase II will begin closure of all inbound traffic and allow only outbound traffic through the Sabre Gate; inbound traffic to the housing area will be diverted through School Road.

Also, those driving from base housing to the Sabre Gate on Sabre Road should be aware that a stop sign has been placed at the intersection of DeJarnette and Sabre Roads. Those driving along Sabre Road must stop before going through the gate.

Checkertail Salute

Master Sgt. Chadd Austin



Lisa Norman

Sergeant Austin receives the Checkertail Salute Warrior of the Week award from Col. Brian Dickerson, 325th Fighter Wing vice commander.

The Checkertail Clan salutes Sergeant Austin, 325th Maintenance Operations Squadron. He was selected as the 325th MOS NCO of the 3rd Quarter for 2005. He also managed, scheduled and coordinated the installation of \$1.4 million point of maintenance wireless infrastructure spanning maintenance areas for 99 aircraft.

Duty title: Local area network administration NCO in charge
Time on station: One year
Time in service: Twenty years
Hometown: Unionville, Mich.
Hobbies: Family, computers, kayaking
Favorite movie: "Groundhog Day"
Favorite book: Bible
Favorite thing about Tyndall: The beautiful environment
Pet peeves: People with talent that don't use it
Goals: Continue building computer knowledge and obtain certifications
Proudest moment in the military: Getting my CCAF and bachelor's degrees

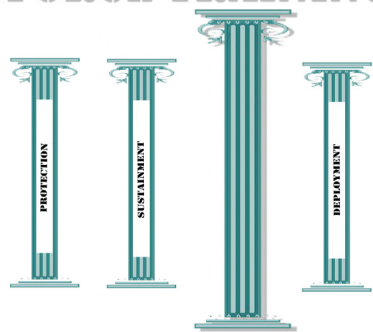
The Checkertail Salute is a 325th Fighter Wing commander program designed to recognize Tyndall's Warrior of the Week. Supervisors can nominate individuals via their squadron and group commanders. Award recipients receive a certificate, letter from the commander and a one-day pass.

The Gulf Defender is published for people like Senior Airman Crystal Lopez, 325th Services Squadron commander support staff.



SAFETY FIRST

FORCE TRAINING



Training Spotlight

How has the NCO Academy prepared you to become a more effective supervisor?

“The skills I learned not only from my instructors, but mostly from the experiences of my peers, has helped me to redefine my role as a leader and manager.”



TECH. SGT. KAREN LEWIS
NCO Academy student

Student Focus

RAPCON training puts students in control

CHRISSY CUTTITA

325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Before an Airmen can work with Tyndall's radar approach controller, they have to go through the intense simulated training of the scopes.

Student airfield operations officers and enlisted air traffic controllers assigned to the 325th Operations Support Squadron learn radio communication procedures needed to direct aircraft in and out of the base's airspace.

“The first 90 days of training is done strictly in the simulator before we’ll even consider letting the students on the floor to talk to aircraft,” said Chief Master Sgt. William Menhart, RAPCON chief controller. “The idea is to get the students comfortable with procedures before they start talking in a live environment.”

In a small classroom, just outside the RAPCON floor, simulated training is conducted on nine radar scopes loaded up on laptop computers. They provide controllers with a picture of one of 14 sections of airspace assigned to them. Information displayed in the airspace includes call signs of aircraft, altitudes, transponder frequencies, airspeed and their location with respect to the airspace.

But, according to Chief Menhart, the simulators are also powerful training tools that provide students a glimpse of the unexpected.

"The simulators allow us to create scenarios controllers may not see everyday, but need to know about and how to handle them," Chief Menhart said.

In order to be fully qualified as a RAPCON controller, enlisted students must complete

their 5-level certification, which takes about one year, and be certified to work in all 14 RAPCON positions, which takes an additional year.

Officer students, on the other hand, only train for about 10 months and get certified in two positions to gain a working knowledge of RAPCO.

“Officers don’t train as long as the enlisted students, who train to actually control aircraft, because they are working toward becoming airfield operations officers rather than approach controllers,” Chief Menhart said. “Once their training is complete, they’ll oversee RAPCON and control tower operations as well as airfield management operations if available.”

The training is not easy for either enlisted or officers, said 2nd Lt. Kelly Stuart, 325th OSS airfield operations officer student.

“If you don’t get the training up front, you’ll get overwhelmed on the floor,” she said. “There’s only so much airspace out there and, opposed to the tower, which only has to deal with a smaller section of space and a limited number of aircraft, the RAPCON is responsible for a much larger



Chrissy Cuttita

2nd Lt. Kelly Stuart and Airman 1st Class Aaron Lawler test their knowledge of air traffic control on a RAPCON simulator.

area and many more aircraft.”

Students only train under live conditions when senior experienced controllers are paired with them to assist and watch over everything they do.

"If you have a rough day and make some mistakes, it's hard to get your head back in the game and want to go back to try again," said Lieutenant Stuart. "The important thing to remember is that the academics and book knowledge will eventually come, and it just takes persistence to keep on going no matter what."

Students take the challenge of training to become the best they can when they are certified to work on the RAPCON.

“I have one week left in front load training, then I’ll spend three months working live traffic on the floor so I can get certified. I’m really looking forward to it,” said Lieutenant Stuart.

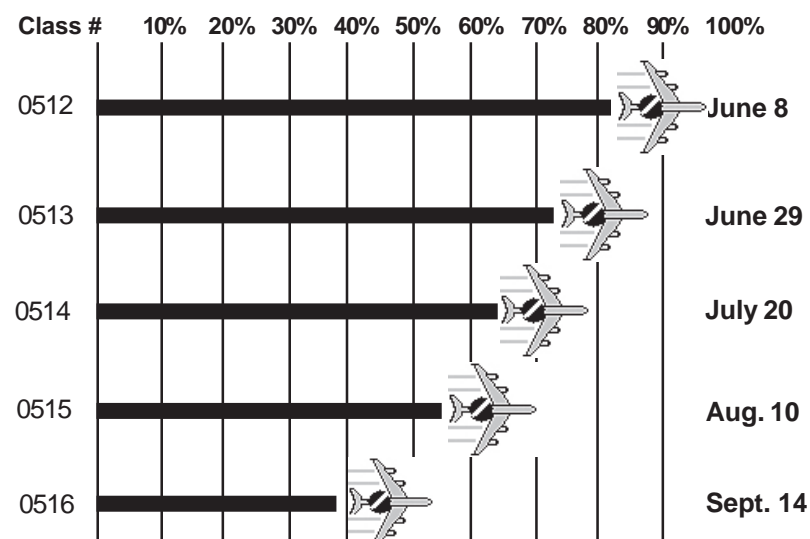


Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

First phase

Maj. Christopher Hoskins, 325th Air Control Squadron instructor, discusses air battle manager techniques with 2nd Lts. Jameson Ritter and Michael Muffeit Monday. The lieutenants were given the Mission Planning Cell study guide to work with before beginning the next phase of their training as air battle managers.

Air Battle Manager student progress chart





Steve Wallace

Scott Clemons, Military Affairs Committee chairman, winds up before attempting to smack the ball down the fairway during the 9th Annual MAC golf tournament Oct. 14 here.



Steve Wallace

Above: Stan Sexton, a MAC member for 15 years, practices teeing off at the driving range before the tournament. Thirty four MAC members were paired up with 34 Tyndall Airmen on two-person teams to boost community relationships.
Right: Bill Leslie, Del-Jen mission support kit expeditor, lines himself up for his shot at the hole.



Steve Wallace

Area community lo build camaraderie

**2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL AND
AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SARAH McDOWELL**
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Tyndall recently opened its gates and welcomed members of the Military Affairs Committee and Leadership Bay of Bay County as they participated in the 9th annual MAC golf tournament and the Leadership Reaction Course here.

Both events were held Oct. 7, and were designed to enhance relationships between Tyndall Airmen and the surrounding community and between community members themselves.

“We rely a lot on our community partners, and it’s always nice to keep them involved because we need their support,” said Master Sgt. Paul Cornell, 325th Mission Support Squadron first sergeant, who also played in the golf tournament for the second straight year. “It would be tough to live and work at a military installation if the local community didn’t support you.”

Thirty-four MAC members joined 34 Airmen, varying in rank from the base vice

commander to staff sergeant, paired off into two person teams – military and one community member.

“The MAC is dedicated to being with our military community,” Clemons, MAC chairman. “So a golf team represents what we do – an opportunity for us to work together in a fun environment and strengthen our relationship.”

Mr. Clemons said the tournament was an excellent opportunity for serious golfers and those who just want to have fun to meet other people and learn about each other.

Sergeant Cornell agreed, but underneath all the fun, there is a underlying friendly competition.

“I think everyone comes out here for camaraderie, but no one likes to lose,” Sergeant Cornell. “I’m hoping to win, but if I’m not first, I won’t sleep over it.”

Sergeant Cornell and his team actually did take first place overall.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Team three from the Leadership Bay Class uses the instruments provided on the LRC obstacle to get from one side of a bar to the other. They had to move a steel barrel over the bar without touching the sand pit or the red markings on the bar.



Leaders foster teamwork, with Airmen, each other

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Meanwhile, approximately 30 Bay County Leadership Bay members divided into two equal teams and took part in Tyndall’s Obstacle and Leadership Reaction Course as part of their team building effort.

“I think the courses help professionals remember the basics in leadership, and also help people who may be entering the professional world for the first time,” said Kip Turner, Leadership Bay participant. “They help people realize the importance of teamwork and leadership, as well as the role a leader should play.”

Each course requires teamwork to accomplish them, and the group of strangers quickly turned into a group of acquainted team members, especially with the log exercise where the participants had to crawl all over each other.

“Some of these obstacles will have you hanging out into thin air with nothing to save you but a rope, a harness and your new best friend,” said Master Sgt. Travis Fritts, 325th Services Squadron first sergeant.

“Teamwork is a huge factor, and none of these obstacles can be accomplished by a person working alone.”

“As the teams negotiated the obstacles I noticed a better communication network taking place,” said 1st Lt. Randy Lindemyer, 325th SVS. “Everyone seemed to get more and more excited after they completed each obstacle. Decision making became easier for the ‘follower personalities’ when the team supported them as a leader.”

Both teams learned how to work together and make solutions, such as how to get all team members and equipment across a broken “bridge” without touching the “water” or red markings on the boards. They participated in about five timed exercises, all of which were physically or mentally challenging.

“I got more than I expected out of this trip,” said Ann Marie Sale, a Leadership Bay participant. “I learned how tough it must be for the military to do their job. Our tasks were pretend; I can’t imagine how hard it must be to really be in those situations.”



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell



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Above: Members of Leadership Bay figure out how to organize themselves into alphabetical order by name without speaking or touching the ground.

Left: Participants of the Leadership Reaction Course successfully make their way from one side of the obstacle to the other with all of their instruments and an “injured pilot.”

Bottom right: The team members lay beams of wood onto pillars of concrete in order to get from one side of an obstacle to the other. The challenge here was that the beams were different lengths and had to be overlapped at certain points.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Jonathan Hayes crawls through a tunnel with two long wooden planks on one of the Leadership Reaction Course obstacles here. He and his team members had to crawl through the tunnel and connect three tall concrete stumps with the beams to get to the other side.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Debbie Driskell from Leadership Bay climbs between crossed beams on one of the LRC courses. She and her teammates had to cross through the beams without touching the red parts or the sand underneath. They also had to bring a “pilot” on a stretcher.



Airman 1st Class Sarah McDowell

Briefs

RAO volunteers

The Retiree Activities Office is seeking volunteers to assist with the various tasks associated with running the office. The RAO is an all-volunteer organization that provides assistance and information to Tyndall's retiree community on retiree-related issues. Those interested in volunteering should contact the office by e-mail at tyndall.RAO@tyndall.af.mil or call 283-2737.

POW/MIA coin

The Tyndall POW/MIA Recognition Day Committee is offering the POW/MIA coin to all Tyndall personnel. The cost is \$10 and must be paid prior to placing an order. For more information or to purchase a coin, contact Senior Master Sgt. Jerald Brooks at jerald.brooks@tyndall.af.mil with the following information: Name, squadron, duty phone number and number of coins to be purchased.

SBP briefing

The Survivor Benefit Plan is often misunderstood and undervalued by servicemembers. An SBP counselor will schedule those about to retire for a pre-retirement briefing, well before the retirement date. In addition to the briefing, various handouts are available to assist with making decisions. For more information, call Tyndall's SBP counselor, Alicia Gibbons, at 283-8392.

Smooth Move workshop

The next Smooth Move Workshop will take place from 9 a.m. to noon Nov. 9 at the Family Support Center classroom. All military, DOD civilians and family members are invited. Experts from legal, finance, transportation management, family advocacy, billeting, housing and Tricare, as well as the Family Support Center will be there to answer questions. Call 283-4204/4205 to make reservations.

Family Tradition Night

In commemoration of Military Family Month, the Family Support Center is holding a Family Tradition Night 5:30-7:30 p.m. Nov. 17 at the FSC classroom in Bldg. 743. There will be free pizza as well as a discussion on the importance of family traditions. For more information, call 283-4204.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Life saver

Staff Sgt. Lance Clark, 95th Fighter Squadron life support technician, fixes the straps on a life preserver for Capt. Jill Evenski, 28th Test Squadron/Detachment 2, before she flew recently. Life support technicians inspect and maintain all pilots' flying gear, making sure it's operable, clean and safe.

Military Family Employment Specialist

A Military Family Employment Specialist will be available at the Family Support Center 8:30-11:30 a.m. every Wednesday. The employment specialist is available to assist military spouses with job placement and referral for positions in the Panama City area and to register spouses in the workforce employment system. For more information or to make an appointment, call the FSC at 283-4204.

Clinic laboratory hours change

The 325th Medical Group clinical laboratory services hours have changed to 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call Maj. Rose Cantu at 283-7430.

GCCC placement test

The Gulf Coast Community College Tyndall Center is administering a placement test at 1 p.m. Nov. 2. They are also sponsoring a Study Skills Workshop from 5-6 p.m. Nov. 3 in Room 58 at the Education Center. For more information, call 283-4332.

Tricare briefing

A Tricare benefit briefing will be held from 6-8 p.m. Nov. 15 at the Gulf Beach Baptist Church located on Hutchison Boulevard in Panama City Beach. Health care information will be provided for all categories of Tricare beneficiaries. For more information, call the 325th Medical Group's Tricare Operations office at 283-7331.

Tricare Online

The DOD's Internet portal to Tricare and health care information, Tricare Online, is available to all Tricare beneficiaries. Registered users can book appointments online. For more information, log on to www.tricareonline.com.

OSC functions

The Officers' Spouses' Club is having a jewelry show fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday at the Officers' Club. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Commissary hours

The Tyndall Commissary will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Nov. 11 for Veterans Day. For more information, call 283-4825.

Airman's Attic

Family Services and the Airman's Attic are open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday-Friday in Bldg. 747. Call the Family Services office at 283-4913 or the Family Support Center at 283-4204 for more information.

Thrift Shop hours

Fall and winter clothing may now be brought in for consignment.

Normal operating hours are 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Wednesday-Friday, with consignments from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The Thrift Shop is located in Bldg. 743 on Suwannee Drive across from the Base Post Office. For more information, call 286-5888.

**Catholic services**

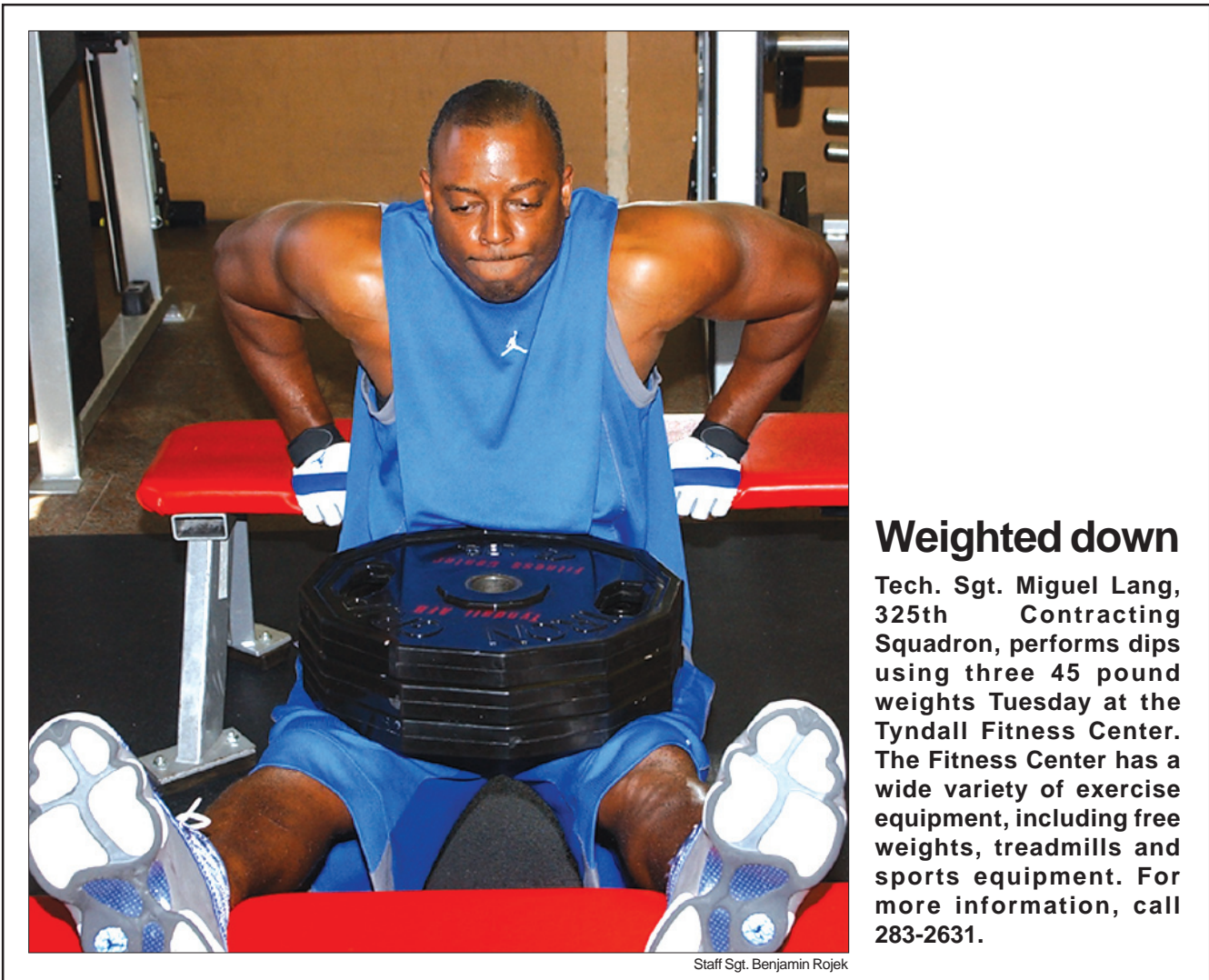
Daily Mass, 11:30 a.m. Monday-Friday, Chapel Two
Reconciliation, before Saturday Mass or by appointment
Saturday Mass, 5 p.m., Chapel Two
Sunday Mass, 9:30 a.m., Chapel Two
Religious Education, 11 a.m., Bldg. 1476

Protestant services

Traditional worship service, 9:30 a.m., Chapel One
Contemporary worship service, 11 a.m., Chapel Two
Wednesday Fellowship, 5 p.m., Chapel Two

Muslim services

Dhuhr Prayer, Monday-Thursday, Spiritual Maintenance building near the flightline
Jumauh services, 12:30 p.m. the second and fourth Friday of each month, Spiritual Maintenance building near flightline



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Weighted down

Tech. Sgt. Miguel Lang, 325th Contracting Squadron, performs dips using three 45 pound weights Tuesday at the Tyndall Fitness Center. The Fitness Center has a wide variety of exercise equipment, including free weights, treadmills and sports equipment. For more information, call 283-2631.



Intramural Sports Standings

Football					
American			National		
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
83rd FWS	5	1	ACS	6	0
MXS	5	1	SFS	5	0
43rd AMU	4	2	TEST	4	2
1st AMU	3	3	COMM	3	2
OSS	3	3	CES	2	3
AFCEA	2	3	601st EAOG	2	3
CPTS	1	5	SVS	1	4
53rd WEG	0	5	CONS	1	4
			MDG	0	6

Bowling					
Team	W	L	Team	W	L
MXS-Phase	56	16	AMXS	36	36
MSS 1	48	24	RHS	36	36
SFS	48	24	ACS 1	34	38
83rd FWS 1	46	26	MDG	34	38
CS 1	46	26	1st FS	34	38
601st EAOG 1	46	26	ACS 2	34	38
83rd FWS 2	44	28	CONS	33	39
MXS 1	38	32	AFCEA	32	40
53rd WEG	40	32	NCOA	30	42
MOS	39	33	1st AMU 2	30	42
IAM	38	34	MXS-AMMO	30	42
Test	38	34	1st AMU 1	26	46
OSS	38	34	CS 2	26	46
601st EAOG 2	38	34	SVS	25	47
1st AMU 3	37	35	CES	24	48
MSS 2	36	36	AAFES	12	60

Houston remains winless, while OG takes Week 6

PIGSKIN PROGNOSTICATOR

From the home of the Olympics

I hate to kick a team while it's down, but the only stars that will be shining big and bright in Texas this Sunday will be Peyton Manning and his Indianapolis Colts as they pummel 0-5 Houston.

Yeah, it sounds mean, but the only undefeated team in the NFL versus the only team without a win? Believe me, the Texans will not tame these Colts.

Back at Tyndall, William Bracken and the 325th OG only missed two picks this week to win, bringing the group up from last place.

Although Bracken said he got really lucky getting 11 correct picks this week, he believes that by the end of the season, he'll come out ahead. He even offered up a Super Bowl prediction.

"In my humble opinion, the Super Bowl will be between Atlanta and

the Patriots," he said. "Don't let the little two-game slide fool you about New England. They are still the team to beat."

I also received a regular-season prediction from John Trachte of the 325th MXS, presumably because I took a shot at his team last week.

"Once again my Packers play and will be victorious!" he said.

Well, Green Bay is playing the Vikings, who have been having all sorts of troubles this year, the least of which was losing to Chicago 28-3. I think the Packers will do better than 325th MXS' Week 6, getting the Big 0 with no picks turned in.

Speaking of no picks, 325th OSS dropped from first to 11th place in one weekend. That's fine with me. I have no problem taking first place by default.

Now let's get out there and watch some football!

Prognosticator scorebox

Team	Week 6	Total
PIG-PROG	10	46
325th MOS	10	53
First Sgts.	8	52
325th SVS	10	52
325th AMXS	8	51
325th ACS	10	50
325th MDOS	9	49
325th CS	9	48
2nd FS	9	48
325th CONS	9	47
325th CPTS	8	46
325th OSS	0	45
325th MSS	9	44
53rd WEG	9	44
325th CES	8	43
823rd RHS	9	42
325th MXS	0	39
NCOA	5	38
325th OG	11	35
325th SFS	0	34
AFRL	0	30

Pig-Prog vs. SVS

Detroit @ Cleveland	Detroit
Green Bay @ Minnesota	Green Bay
Indianapolis @ Houston	Indianapolis
Kansas City @ Miami	Kansas City
New Orleans @ St. Louis	St. Louis
Pittsburgh @ Cincinnati	Cincinnati
San Diego @ Philadelphia	San Diego
San Francisco @ Washington	Washington
Dallas @ Seattle	Seattle
Baltimore @ Chicago	Chicago
Buffalo @ Oakland	Oakland
Denver @ N.Y. Giants	Denver
Tennessee @ Arizona	Tennessee
N.Y. Jets @ Atlanta - 27 points	45 points

The Pig-Prog flew past the 2nd FS in the Week 6 challenge, 10-9. Now they're *second to one* - me.

Base Library offers adventure by the book

MASTER SGT. MARY McHALE
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

British writer John Ruskin once wrote, “All books are divisible into two classes, the books of the hour and the books of all time...”

But whichever the category, it’s a good bet either can be found at Tyndall’s library, and if it can’t, they have the resources to locate it.

Boasting an array of books and periodicals from reference to recreational, library director James Clark said the primary mission of the library is to support education.

“Whatever it takes to support education, I’ll buy it,” he said.

Users have a variety of reference materials from which to choose, from online databases to traditional texts, with DANTES and CLEP materials being the most popular, according to Mr. Clark.



Along with traditional books though, the library also houses an assortment of books on tape and CD, which Mr. Clark said are very popular with patrons. And the periodical section boasts 90 titles.

If materials cannot be found in the library, users can turn to the Northwest Regional Library System online, which will indicate if another local source has it.

Mr. Clark said another of the more popular sections of Tyndall’s library is the McNaughton collection, where many current and past bestsellers are found. Additionally, the section popular with the younger set is the children’s section.

“We really went overboard in the children’s section to get kids reading,” he said.

This section is a hit with homeschooling parents as well, according to Mr. Clark, and added that he gets a lot of suggestions for material from parents. It’s where books for the accelerated reader program can be found too.

“We encourage homeschoolers to work with the library staff so we can support them with whatever they need,” Mr. Clark said.

And for youngsters who like to listen to stories being read, the library hosts a story telling session Wednesdays at 10 a.m. hosted by volunteer readers. After the story, the children work on a project related to it.

“I just get to read so I’ll be good to go to preschool, said Ethan Baxter, 3. “I like dinosaur books. Dinosaurs eat jungle leaves.”

Then there is the Reader of the Week. Children put their name in a jar and if they are chosen, they get a free book. One recent winner, Hayley Clocksin, was awarded a “Goosebumps” series book. As she worked on a school paper about the great blue heron, she said her preferences are animal books and “Harry Potter.”

Books about the boy wizard abound in the library, and are included in a special section to be given away to family members displaced from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

“We have these brand new books and games for free, just come in and let our staff know you would like some,” Mr. Clark said.

Sticker and science wonder books, the “Chicken Soup for the Soul” children’s series, and books about dinosaurs and pirates

were just a few offerings in that section.

Overall, Mr. Clark said he and the staff populate the constantly-updated library collection using professional journals to keep current with latest publications.

Another source for new materials is donations, which are either added to the collection or held for periodic sales that occur throughout the year. And there is the one-for-one paperback book swap.

“We’re always putting new stuff in the collection,” Mr. Clark said. “The lifeblood of a library is new materials.”



Chrissy Cuttita

Kids listen carefully to the dinosaur story read by Master Sgt. Anthony Simmons, 325th Communications Squadron, who volunteers as a base library story time reader.

Airmen can’t be ‘fuelish’ while using GOVs

2ND LT. WILLIAM POWELL
325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

(Editor’s note: This is the third in a four-part series highlighting how Tyndall personnel and residents can help conserve energy and help Tyndall avoid costly energy premiums.)

As of Monday, the average gallon of gas throughout the Gulf Coast was \$2.72, up nearly a dollar from this time last year, according to the Department of Energy. But the average American is not the only one digging deeper in the wallet to pay the extra expense; the government is, too.

Tyndall is no exception, and anyone who uses government vehicles can help Tyndall avoid the costly premiums by reducing fuel consumption in those vehicles.

Each week Tyndall’s 650 government vehicles use approximately 6,000 gallons of gas and diesel, according to Tim Nelson, Del-Jen fuels management accountant.

A vehicle getting 20 miles per gallon could drive around the Earth’s circumference at the equator nearly five times with 6,000 gallons of fuel.

“We do a lot of driving here,” Mr. Nelson said. “Security forces fill up their vehicles after every shift, flightline vehicles are always moving and using fuel and street sweepers require a lot of fuel, just to name a few.”

In fact, approximately 60 vehicles get their tanks topped off every day here, he said.

In fiscal year 2005, Tyndall spent about \$350,000 for fuel, which doesn’t include jet fuel. Due to recent world events and natural disasters, that price is going to rise for this fiscal year. Tyndall now pays nearly 40 cents more per gallon in both gasoline and diesel than last year, said Mr. Nelson.

Fortunately, there are a few ways people can help reduce the fuel consumption here.

“If (people) have to be in a vehicle all the time, turn the engine off and open the windows rather than idling and using the air conditioner,” said Staff Sgt. Iain Morrison, 325th Civil Engineer

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AF chapel programs donate thousands

WASHINGTON (AFPN) – Tyndall’s chapel was one of many Air Force chapels around the world that raised thousands of dollars to provide comfort for those affected by Hurricane Katrina.

“Our designated offerings raised more than \$3,000,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Joe Motsay, 325th Fighter Wing. “We were the first agency on base to organize an informational luncheon for the 250 displaced Americans staying here. The comfort and presence of others here that day who offered an outpouring of support showed that we are one military family.”

Air Force wide chapel communities contributed more than \$376,000 for Hurricane Katrina survivors since the storm hit seven weeks ago, according to the Air Force Chief of Chaplains Office.

“The Air Force chapel communities are being very generous and making sure our fellow Airmen and families are being taken care of,” said Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brett Oxman, who works budgeting issues for the chaplains office at the Pentagon.

The donations came from around

the world, ranging from Edwards AFB, Calif., to Incirlik Air Base, Turkey.

“As soon as we heard about the catastrophe, a letter was sent out to Air Force chapels asking them to take up offerings,” said Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Charles C. Baldwin, Air Force Chief of Chaplains. “Over the next two Sundays, money was collected. It is Air Force chapel people helping other Air Force families and whoever else is in need.”

Tyndall’s chapel not only provided the immediate access to assistance like legal, family support and counseling, they also welcomed displaced military into their community. Squadrons around the base provided home-cooked meals and personnel here came out to interact with families at the base chapel’s lunch.

“For several weeks after the hurricane hit, we had children from devastated areas enrolled in our religious education programs and displaced family members became part of our chapel community here,” said Chaplain Motsay.

All of the money went to Hurricane Katrina survivors. Most of the money

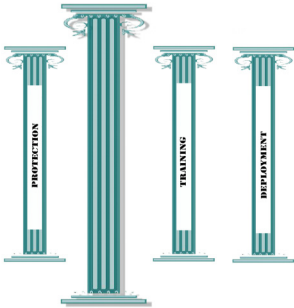
was sent to Keesler AFB, Miss. where it was distributed to the chapel teams there. The teams used the money in various ways, from gift certificates for clothing to buying food for immediate distribution.

Other organizations, such as the American Red Cross and Air Force Aid Society, received money from Air Force chapels too. Some of the deployed chapel teams in the affected areas have extended the generosity to local shelters which house evacuees.

Chaplain Baldwin said he is thankful for the outpouring of generosity he’s seen.

“Combined, this is Air Force service before self at its best,” he said.

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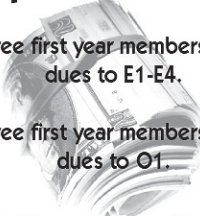
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Tuesday - Nov. 15

ages 5-15

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Free Movie Nites

Tonight at the Pizza Pub 8 p.m.

Hustle and Flow

(Rated R)

DJay, a streetwise hustler, has always had a way with words, but his gift has long been misused. A chance encounter with an old friend helps him to make it in the music business.

Movies are subject to change.

Thursday at the E'Club 6 p.m.

Valiant

(Rated G)

A lowly wood pigeon named Valiant, overcomes his small size to become a hero in Great Britain's Royal Air Force Homing Pigeon Service during World War II. The RHPS advanced the Allied cause by flying messages over enemy lines.

"Boo"-Lagio


Halloween costume party with monster buffet, karaoke and Texas Hold 'Em tournament at the E'Club All ranks.

Oct. 28

Starts at 7 p.m.


Texas Hold 'Em tournament 7 p.m. for members

Costume contest 9 p.m. for members



Halloween Scavenger Hunt

at the Community Center



Thurs. 4 - 7 p.m.

Prizes: Four Disney World one day tickets.

Call 283-2495 for more info.

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Dec. 10-12


Come do a little holiday shopping in Atlanta and get into the Christmas spirit at the Biltmore Estate.

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Attention Team Tyndall: Place a free classified ad in the Gulf Defender

Military classified ads are placed in the Gulf Defender on a space available basis. Ads must be for a one-time sale of personal goods and should include a complete description, 30 words or less, of item being sold. Forms must be turned in by 2 p.m. Thursday for publication in the following Friday's Gulf Defender. Completed forms can be dropped off or mailed to the 325th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office at 445 Suwannee Rd. Ste. 129 Tyndall AFB, FL 32403, or faxed to (850) 283-3225. Ads can also be sent in by e-mail to checkertailmarket@tyndall.af.mil.

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Air Force saves energy by turning to renewable sources

MASTER SGT. MICHAEL A. WARD

Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency

Air Force blue has turned green and that's good for the service and the nation.

The Air Force has long been the leader in DOD in energy conservation, but over the past few years, the service has also become a major player in purchasing green power. It is now the largest purchaser of renewable power in the federal government, accounting for 41 percent of all green power purchases by the federal government.

"This past fiscal year the Air Force purchased more than 1,059 gigawatt hours of renewable energy. That's enough to power 70,000 average-sized homes for a year," said Gary Hein, Air Force Energy Team manager.

The next closest federal purchasers were GSA with about 500 gigawatt hours, the Environmental Protection Agency with 247 gigawatt hours and the Department of Energy with 145 gigawatt hours. The closest military purchaser was the Army with 52 gigawatt hours.

"We've been very aggressive in pursuing

renewable energy because it makes economic sense," said Jim Snook, Air Force renewable energy program manager. Mr. Snook said the Air Force strategy is to lock in long-term contracts at fixed prices to ensure reasonably priced rates in the future.

"Industry has seen that we are committed to renewable energy and they are bringing ideas and projects to us and making more renewable purchasing opportunities available," he said.

The modern-day energy program for the federal government began in 1975 with enactment of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act. Federal agencies were required to reduce energy consumption by 20 percent by 1985. Having met that challenge, federal agencies were ordered to reduce energy consumption by another 30 percent by 2005 (based on the baseline established in 1985). Air Force

energy managers are still tallying the numbers but they say they have met that goal. They have now turned their attention to The Energy Policy Act of 2005. It requires federal agencies to reduce energy usage by two percent per year for the next eight years.

"In the '80s and '90s, we took care of most

of the easy fixes such as turning down thermostats, using energy-efficient lighting and installing better insulation," said Jerry Doddington, chief of the Air Force Energy Management team.

"But, to meet newer

and more stringent federal energy goals, we had to go high-tech, so we started bringing renewable energy sources into the overall energy strategy."

Two bases, Dyess AFB, Texas, and Fairchild AFB, Wash., now receive 100 percent of their energy from wind or other re-

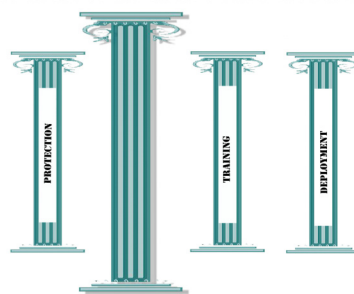
newable power sources provided by local utility companies. More impressive, the Air Force has begun generating its own power and operates a 2.4-megawatt wind farm on Ascension Island and a 1.3-megawatt wind farm at F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo. Wind farms are also being considered at several other bases.

While wind power is the largest contributor so far in the Air Force's renewable energy plan, the portfolio also includes the use of biomass at Hill AFB, Utah and the installation of more than 3,500 ground source heat pumps at various installations. Energy management officials said they are also trying to increase the use of solar energy, which in the past was considered cost prohibitive.

"New technologies have significantly reduced the price of renewables so that in many areas, it's competitive with commercial power," said Mr. Doddington. "The key for companies is to have a customer, and it's our plan to be a customer."

And that will help keep Air Force Blue in the black when it comes to green power savings.

FORCE SUSTAINMENT



● **FROM DEATH PAGE 1** would go to the U.S. Supreme Court.

"A review by the Supreme Court is not mandatory," the colonel said. "At the conclusion of all appeals the president of the United States still has a pardoning power."

The sentence followed a week of testimony from family and friends of the victims who urged the all-officer panel to sentence Airman Witt to death. Their statements were followed by pleas from the convicted Airman's family and friends to spare his life.

While the fathers of the victims described the pain they still endure over the loss of their children, the parents of Airman Witt tried to paint a picture of their son that many have not seen.

Melanie Pehling, Airman Witt's mother, said her son is a not an evil person and was a joy to bring up.

"We are asking for mercy because I know what's un-

derneath," she said. "I know he has more to offer than what happened on July 5, 2004."

Terry Witt, Airman Witt's father, described him as loving and compassionate, and said his son taught him the meaning of unconditional love.

After testimony from both sides, Airman Witt took the stand and gave an unsworn statement in which he apologized for his crime.

"To the families, to the Schliepsieks and Bielenbergs, I am so sorry from the bottom of my being," he said as he turned to face the families. "I'm so sorry I took your son and your daughter away from you, and also, to Mr. King, I'm so sorry for hurting you."

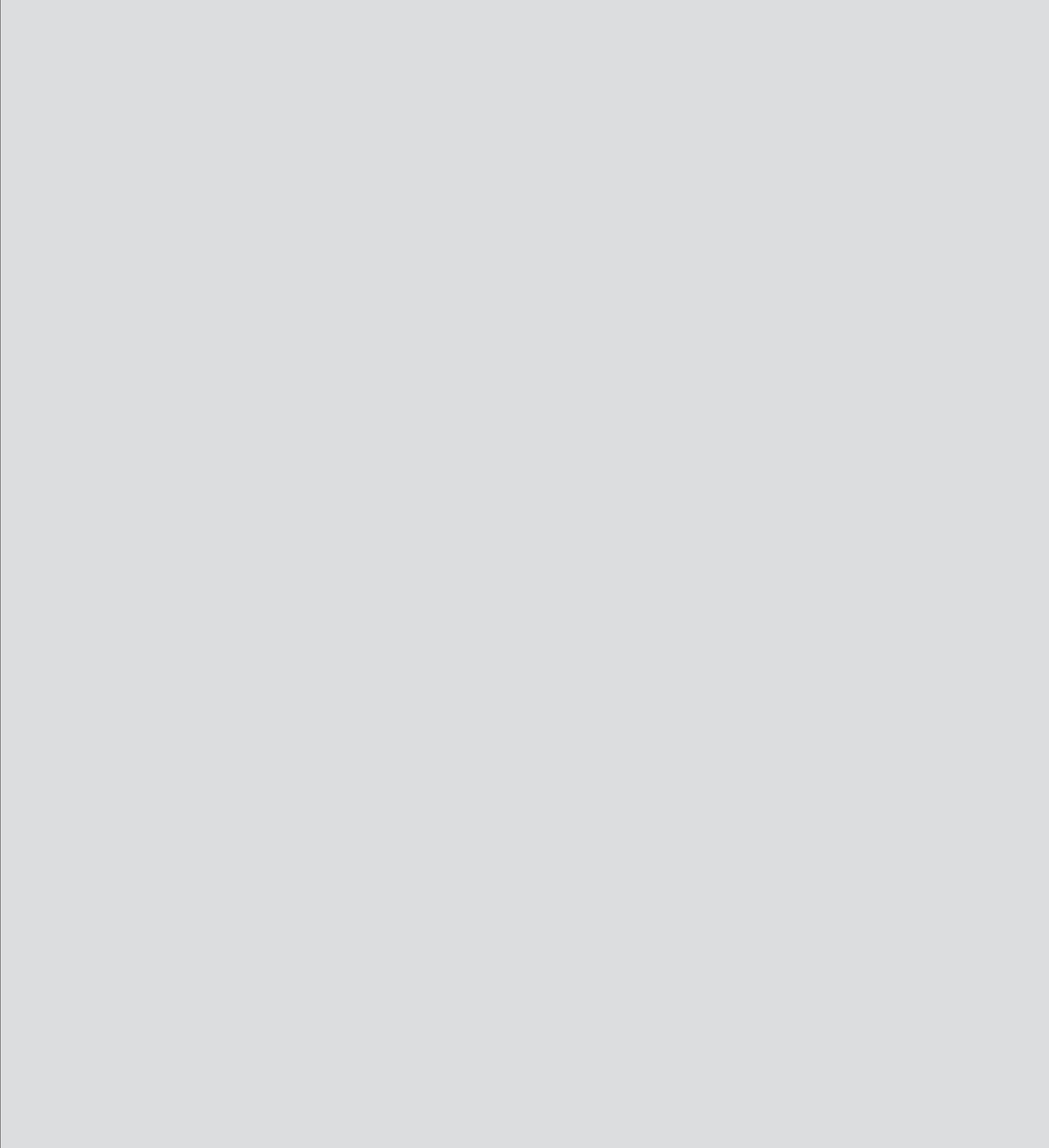
The Airman also submitted a written statement where he took responsibility for his actions but asked the jury to spare his life.

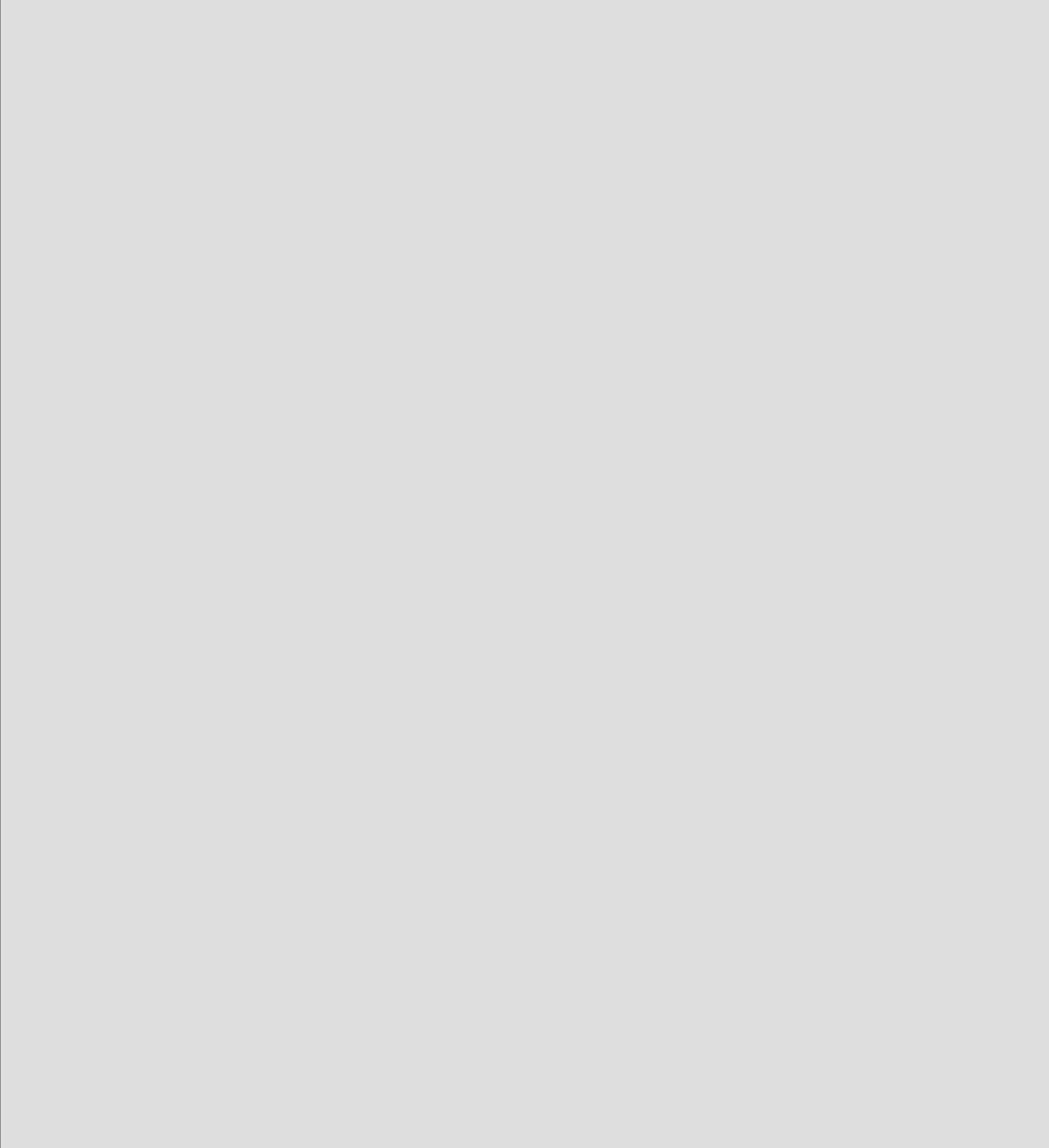
"I would like to apologize again to the Schliepsieks, the Bielenbergs, the Kings, my

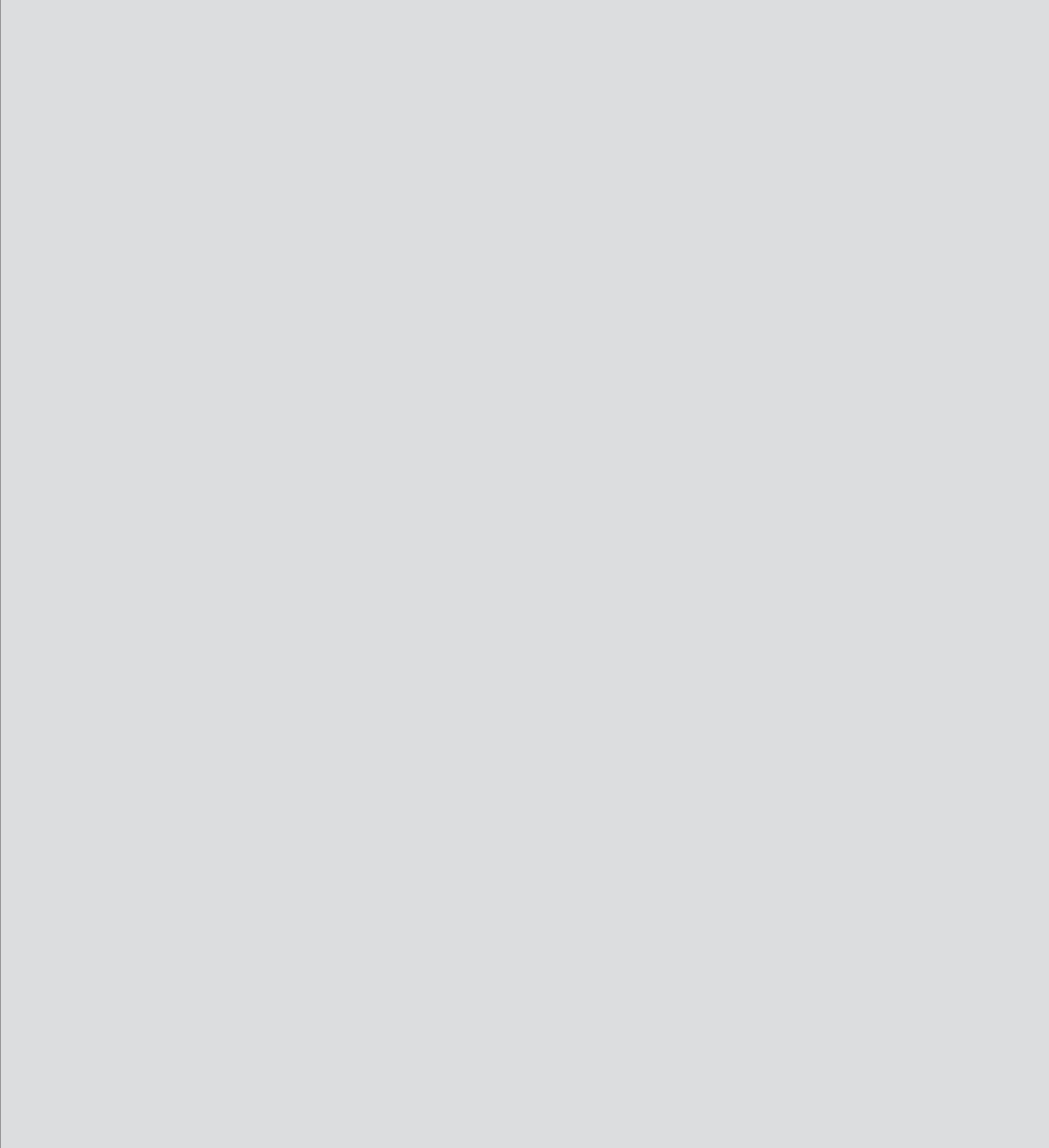
family, and the Air Force for my actions," he wrote. "My life has changed dramatically since that night, and I plan to continue to make changes. I want you to know that I am firmly resolved to lead a productive life in the service of others and will not wander from this path if given the chance. Please allow me to live so that I can do this. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to share my thoughts with you."

The Airman also discussed his Air Force career.

"I regret losing my focus on the Air Force mission — looking back, I do truly love the Air Force, and I have been proud to wear the uniform," he wrote. "I understand that my actions mean that I will never wear it again once this trial is over, and I am sorry for that as well. I am sorry for the discredit I have brought upon the Air Force and the negative attention I have brought to Robins Air Force Base."







● FROM FUEL PAGE 17

Squadron vehicle control officer. “The saved fuel could add up fast.”

Also, try to avoid unnecessary driving, he said.

“If a phone call or e-mail will get the same result, then do that instead,” Sergeant Morrison said. “If you must drive, try to make the trip as productive as possible. See who else needs to go in your direction and ride together.”

Combining errands into one trip saves time and money. Several short trips taken from a cold start can use twice as much fuel as a longer multipurpose trip covering the same distance when the engine is warm, according to www.fueleconomy.gov.

Aggressive driving, including speeding, rapid acceleration and braking, wastes gas. It can lower gas mileage by 33 percent at highway speeds and by 5 percent around town. Gas mileage usually decreases rapidly at speeds above 60 mph, so keep the vehicle’s speed down. Generally, each 5 mph over 60 mph is like paying an additional 21 cents per gallon for gas, according to www.fueleconomy.gov.

Drivers should also ensure their government vehicle is in good running condition with properly inflated tires before driving. Under-inflated tires can lower gas mileage by 0.4 percent for every 1 psi drop in pressure of all four tires.

For more information on how to reduce fuel consumption, contact Gil Walker, 325th CES energy and utilities manager, at 283-4715, or log on to www.fueleconomy.gov.



Staff Sgt. Benjamin Rojek

Engineered destruction

A contractor with the 325th Civil Engineer Squadron digs up debris Tuesday after tearing down Bldg. 808 across from the base support center. Three more buildings along Suwannee Road are scheduled to be torn down, including Bldgs. 653, 806 and 816, as well as the water tower near the NCO Academy dorms.